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Bruce Griffith gets his hair shaved off by Brianne Pockett on April 3 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The initiative was an idea Pockett had to recognize Light it up Blue, in honour of World Autism Day on April 2. HHSS raised more than \$1,000 for the cause. **Angelica Blenich** Staff

### Winter kept roads crews busy, expenses up

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

The perpetual winter Haliburton County is experiencing doesn't seem to want to end and no one is ready to see it go more than area road workers.

With the past few months bringing record setting frigid temperatures, higher than usual amounts of snow and ice storms, public works departments across Haliburton County have been kept busy.

Operations manager for the county's public works department Sylvin Cloutier oversees two shifts of road crews from Monday to Friday, however it was the weekends that saw many plows out clearing snow.

"During the week, for coverage, we're doing very well," he said, adding the overtime hours are kept to a minimum. "But on weekends the guys are on call and for some reason, this year, it seems like the storms were on a Friday night to Saturday or started on a Saturday night going through to Sunday."

With 11 plow operators within the department and more plowing done, the county's budget was impacted in order to maintain a standard of service on area roads, said Cloutier.

Even with today's technology weather patterns can change on an hourly basis, making it difficult to predict exactly how

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# Public weighs in on Greens Mountain

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

An educational facility, a site for astronomy, observing nature or horseback riding.

These are just some of the many ideas people have for what could be done on Greens Mountain, an area of Crown land just south of Gooderham.

These ideas and more are filtering their way to the municipality through a number of meetings being held to get input on the Greens Mountain Recreational Plan, an initiative of Highlands Fast

On April 3 a public meeting to gather ideas was held at the McCausland Community Centre, facilitated by David Clark, who was hired by the municipality to help develop the plan.

"The reason we're here tonight is to hear what you have to say," said Clark to the more than 40 in attendance. "We want to try and gather as much information as we can and focus on what could be done in the future."

The meeting wasn't intended to be a forum for debate, but rather a brainstorming session for stakeholders, residents of the area and those interested in the recreational plan, he said.

The Crown land is managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources, which is supportive of the recreational plan, an initiative of the municipality, which sees opportunities with the site.

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Angelica Blenich Staff

The harsh winter in the Highlands has left road conditions in bad shape, many with cracks and potholes as the spring thaw begins. Frigid temperatures and heavy amounts of snow left road crews busier than usual from December through to March.

# Harsh winter takes its toll on Haliburton County roads

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many staff will be required.

"A big part of our judgments are in accordance to forecasts," said Cloutier.

"The snow accumulation was pretty significant this year, so was the ice buildup, because we've had a few rain events. That increases the amount of materials you have to apply, the amount of times you have to go out."

The department uses both salt and sand, depending on the road being cleared. For example, County Road 21 is treated with salt, due to its high volume of traffic and importance in the area. Other less travelled roads are covered with sand.

Both have been purchased in higher amounts than previous years.

"The whole country has been like that," said Cloutier. "I talked to my counterparts in other municipalities and we're all in the same boat. It's been very exhausting on manpower, budget, everything."

Director of public works for Dysart et al Brian Nicholson faced similar issues in his municipality, with this past winter's frost and snow wreaking havoc on the roads.

"Our sanding budget, for 2014 ... we've probably gone through approximately 25 per cent," said Nicholson. "Whereas our plowing budget we've probably already chewed through 70 to 75 per cent of that budget. And I still have the end of 2014 to go through."

Due to all the snowstorms and bad weather, Dysart roads staff have accrued a large amount of overtime over the past few months, said Nicholson.

"Not many weekends went by when they weren't out doing something," he said. "But the guys did an awesome job. I'm sure that they're tired and looking forward to the end of winter like everybody else."

The public works director is hoping to find cost savings from his budget in the upcoming months. However he can already see that just like his employees, his equipment is feeling the strains of winter.

"We've moved a lot of snow this year," said Nicholson. "Because of all the snow our equipment is showing signs of wear and tear come this time of year, with breakdowns and stuff."

Nicholson believes with the late arrival of spring the construction season has been shortened by at least three weeks.

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### Because of all the snow our equipment is showing signs of wear and tear.

— Brian Nicholson Public Works Director Dysart et al

In previous years his crews were typically out sweeping roads by the end of March, weather permitting.

With the snow beginning to thaw and spring on its way the plows are finally getting a rest, however, Mother Nature did leave its mark on the roads.

"We're getting a lot of frost heaves [cracks]. We're seeing frost heaves where we haven't seen them before," said Nicholson. "The frost is really moving stuff around ... this year I truly feel that we are going to have some additional maintenance to take care of."

In the future, Cloutier will amend his operations budget based on seasonal trends over the course of the past few years.

"We look on a yearly basis," said the operations manager. "So this spring we'll look at this past winter and we'll look at past winters before and we'll look at how many times we've been out, the amount of materials we have used on our roads, overtime and we kind of make an assessment, because we don't have a crystal ball."

The county roads aren't in terribly bad shape, but it is still too early to say for sure, said Cloutier.

"You'll probably see a little bit more heaving and potholes," he said, adding it corresponds directly to the hard winter.

The county operations manager believes the winter season has been not only tiring on him and his department but on the general public as well.

"They can't wait until springtime. Most people don't want to follow a plow until the middle of April," he said.

### **Public salaries released**

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Ontario's public salary disclosure list – the so called "sunshine list" – for 2013 has been released.

Legislation requires that organizations with public employees earning more than \$100,000 for the year make those salaries public.

In Haliburton County, there were a number of municipal, school board and health services employees who made the list.

On the municipal front, Algonquin Highlands chief administrative officer Angie Bird earned \$111,345.

In Minden Hills, treasurer Lorrie Blanchard made \$102,661, while chief administrative officer/clerk/economic development officer Nancy Wright-Laking made \$132,189.

At the County of Haliburton, public works director Doug Ray made \$117,032; now-retired EMS director Pat Kennedy \$119,877; and chief administrative officer Jim Wilson \$153,526.

Within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Traci Hubbert made \$117,206, while vice-principal Anne Grant earned \$100,231.

Stuart Baker Elementary School principal Andrea Borysiuk earned \$117,782, while at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, vice-principal Peter Ferri made \$107,190 and principal Elaine Fournier \$125,286.

Gordon Wood, principal for Wilberforce and Cardiff schools, made \$113,909, while Barbara Davies, vice-principal for the institutions made \$101,618.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Darrell Dobson made \$100,939 and principal Dan Marsden was paid \$126,402 for the year.

The school board's IT manager Karen Fraser made \$125,286; superintendents Bruce Barrett, Kevin Cutler and Andrea Gillespie each \$166,331; and board director Larry Hope earned \$196,980.

At Haliburton's Fleming College campus, professor Gayle McIntyre made \$100,370, professor Darlene Bolahood \$107,600 and principal Sandra Dupret \$128,713.

At the Haliburton Highlands detachment, officer Robert Adams was paid \$108,339; Kevin Brown \$100,420; Tim Brown \$111,326; Robin Carmount \$100,334; and Tim Negus \$102,582

Sgt. Terry Allore made \$113,813; Sgt. Brian Crisp \$115,693; Sgt. Jason Postma \$121,758; and Sgt. John Spence \$119,273.

Staff Sgt. Chad Bark made \$139,105.

At Haliburton Highlands Health Services, CEO Varouj Eskedjian made \$161,557.

Registered nurse Judith Toye made \$100,164, while Debbie Watson, chief nursing officer and director of patient care made \$102,808

Chief financial officer Catherine Outram made \$107,801, while registered nurses Sonya Samson, Melanie Flood and Lucie Paquette-Gustavsen made \$104,890, \$116,687 and \$122,882 respectively.

Registered technician Rudolph Munz made \$130,332.

At the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Shawn Woods, manager of communicable disease control made \$102,716, while environmental health manager Richard Ovcharovich was paid \$104,551.

Family health/chief nursing officer Fiona Kelly and chronic disease and injury prevention director Leslie Orpana made \$110,529 respectively.

Director of communicable disease control Linda McCarey made \$115,114; administration and human resources director Susan Bickle \$115,329 and Chris Beveridge, director of environmental health, \$117,404.

Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health, was paid \$309,189 for the year.



The Haliburton Echo and Minden Times both took home first place honours in their circulation categories for general excellence at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards gala on April 4. Managing editor Jenn Watt accepted the awards from OCNA board president Gordon Cameron from Hamilton Community News. Photo courtesy of OCNA

# Haliburton Echo wins first in general excellence

The Haliburton Echo was honoured with a first place finish for general excellence in its circulation category at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards gala in Vaughan on April 4.

Sister paper the *Minden Times* also took home a first place in its circulation group and reporter Chad Ingram won a third place for his editorial called "Words, words, words" in the *Minden Times*.

"This is a lovely community newspaper," the judges wrote of the *Echo*. "*The Haliburton Echo* had a clean, uniform lay out that was easy for the reader to navigate."

The judges also noted that looking at the paper, "It makes Haliburton a place I would like to visit."

The Times was praised for its attractive photography, strong writing and "engaging opinion pages."

Haliburton County Echo

# News



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### **Elderly lose out in home-care: unions**

Jenn Watt Editor

Ontario's oldest demographic is bearing the brunt of bad health-care decisions regarding bed reductions in hospitals and underfunded home care, a report by two unions says.

Pushed Out of Hospital, Abandoned at Home, a report compiled by hospital unions and speech language pathologists and audiologists, urges the province to reopen beds for "the frail and elderly," restore publicly funded speech therapy and physiotherapy and fund health care keeping pace with population growth, among other things.

President of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions/Canadian Union of Public Employees, Michael Hurley came to Haliburton on April 3 to talk to local media about the report.

"In the last 20 years, Ontario's closed 19,000 acute care hospital beds. It's left us with the fewest number of acute care hospital beds of any province in Canada or any country in the OECD," Hurley said.

When there is a shortage of beds, doctors feel pressure to push patients out, even when they're not ready to go home, he

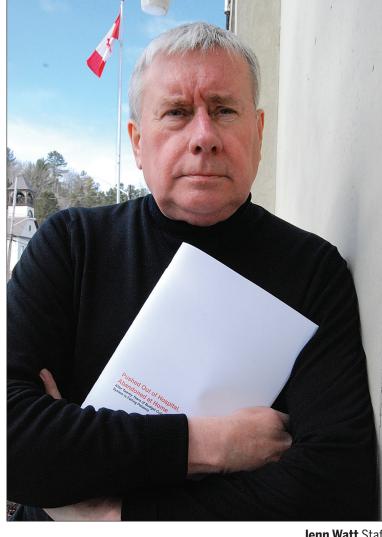
In addition, the government's recent policy shift toward home care isn't being properly funded, meaning many are left waiting with no care at all.

"Between 2004 and 2009, funding per capita for home care declined 14 per cent," the report

Ontarians on a waiting list for some type of health service support at home and another 25,000 waiting for a nursing home bed."

Hurley said these cuts have a disproportionate effect on the

"What we're trying to do is draw attention to the fact that



Jenn Watt Staff

Michael Hurley, president of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions for the Canadian Union of Public Workers, came to Haliburton on April 3 to talk about his union's new report, Pushed Out of Hospital, Abandoned at Home. The report compiles results of a telephone hotline project that asked people to call in with their experiences with hospital bed cuts and the province's move to home care

"Today there are over 10,000 these cutbacks in Ontario have had a huge impact ... on the elderly," he said.

Additionally, the withdrawal of public funding for physiotherapy and speech therapy has engineered a system where those who can afford to pay are healthier than those who cannot.

"In the last five years, we've

gone from if you had a stroke rather long-term care or rehab previously it was recommended that you have 32 visits from a speech pathologist to help you with swallowing and communication so you could speak again do now?" said Hurley.

The report is mostly made up

of anecdotes gathered by the two associations through a 1-800 hot-

People called in to talk about how family members had slipped through the cracks and ended up in dire health condition largely due to an underfunded system that tries to move patients through.

They received 600 calls from 30 communities - about 50 of those came from the general region that includes Haliburton, Hurley said, though he didn't know how many were from people in the county.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian said he was not aware of any bed closures in more than a decade.

"I don't think that HHHS has closed any beds since the two sites were built and all the acute beds were consolidated at the Haliburton site. That was at least 15 years ago. The only change to our acute beds was the conversion of one bed to palliative care," he wrote in an email to the paper.

He said HHHS is rarely at 100 per cent occupancy, signalling the number of beds is sufficient for the population the facilities

Eskedjian also said he disagreed with the statement in the report that the elderly are "often pushed out of hospital when still acutely ill."

He said the majority of HHHS acute care beds are occupied by elderly patients.

"The major issue that we encounter in our acute unit is that most of the time we have a number of patients who do not require acute care (ALCs) but care but we cannot get them into those alternate settings because beds are [not] available," he said.

Hurley started his media tour about a month ago in Sudbury and physiotherapy. That's all and is visiting many of the small been privatized. So, what do you communities reflected in the

### Proposed Armatec property for sale

Jenn Watt

Editor

The land Armatec Survivability was proposing to buy to do armour testing in Harcourt is back on the market.

A 1,750-acre piece of land - the largest piece in the 2,300-acre proposed site - has been relisted for \$1.8 million.

"We're looking for someone who is an environmentalist who loves nature and wants to protect it," said real estate agent Gerry Groskopf of Sutton Group Admiral Realty in Toronto.

Groskopf said he wanted the local community to know the conditional sale was off the property and those who were passionate about keeping it natural now have a chance to buy it.

The property is described in its listing as "Algonquin private nature park" and says it includes a managed hardwood forest, wetlands, ponds and an interior lake. "Unspoiled nature at its best."

"Extras: road and waterfront access to Elephant Lake and 45 miles of waterway on three lakes system: Benoir, Elephant and Baptiste."

Late last month, a proposal by Armatec to buy the land and use it to test the armour on tanks was voted down by Dysart council largely because of a robust and organized campaign by area cottagers and residents against it.

Groskopf said the property owners never believed the Armatec proposal would have harmed the environment, as most of it was to go untouched.



### Opportunities abound for property

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"There's an opportunity to create an experience for the residents here to participate in outdoor experiences, but also an opportunity to develop something there that may have some economic contributions to this community," he said.

Forty-eight per cent of Highlands East is made up of Crown Land, with the municipality also having the lowest per capita income in the province, said Clark.

In the past Greens Mountain has been heavily used by off-highway vehicles, ATVs, snowmobiles, hunting groups and outdoor enthusiasts.

The hope is by creating a recreational plan, the municipality can preserve the environment while possibly attracting more people, thus creating economic development.

Along with the public meeting, Clark has been facilitating meetings with area businesses, stakeholders and interested organizations.

"The key here is if we're doing this process, spending time and resources and money on it, it has to have relevance," said Clark.

When asked what should be done with Greens Mountain the suggestions were many, including skiing, both downhill and cross-country, an educational facility, tubing, mountain biking, an observation tower, snowmobiling, hiking, nature walks, horseback riding and more.

Suggested experiences that would meet the needs of those in attendance included hunting, fishing, driving off-road vehicles, observing nature, geocaching, bird watching, maple syrup tapping and timber harvesting.

These ideas do bring challenges, many of which revolve around finances and funding



**Angelica Blenich** Staff

Members of the public gathered at the McCausland Community Centre in Gooderham on April 3 to discuss the Greens Mountain Recreational Plan in the works. Facilitated by David Clark, left, a consultant who was hired by the municipality of Highlands East to help develop a plan, the meeting included brainstorming ideas on how the Crown land could be used in the future.

sustainability.

Other challenges include degradation of trails, compatability of multiple uses and use versus non-use, accessibility (both physical and for equipment), safety, forest fire hazards, private land infringement,

noise, wildlife and human protection, vehicle control, facilities, pollution, crime and pressure on municipal infrastructure.

In terms of what role the municipality should play in the recreational plan, some believed Highlands East should educate the public, seek consultation, offer opportunities for public reaction and opinions, and be transparent throughout the entire process.

Others believed the municipality needed to be the owner of the overall management plan and its user groups.

The goal is to create a plan that does not place a financial burden on the residents,

said Clark, who will be presenting his final report to council by this July.

"We came into this meeting knowing there is a history with this site," said Clark. "I think what you did tonight was give us a really good idea of how the residents feel about what could happen there [on Greens Mountain] and what some of the challenges are ... lastly it gave us some clues on how not only to manage the site, but manage the way decisions are made with the site."

There is a public survey regarding the recreational plan available to anyone interested.

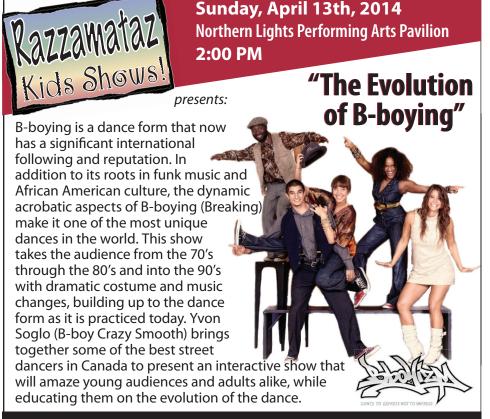


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### Doc gives global perspective on water

**Jenn Watt** Editor

Filmmaker Jennifer Baichwal doesn't want her documentary to tell people what to think about the world's water situation, she wants to give them the information to form their own opinions.

Watermark, an epic trip around the world visiting 10 countries and hearing 20 stories about water, took a year to film and another year to edit.

Alongside co-director Ed Burtynsky and Nick de Pencier, Baichwal captured some of the most compelling and conflicting water stories in the world today, including the rapidly receding Colorado River, the unregulated waterintensive leather tanning industry in Bangladesh and the massive Xiluodu dam in China.

The film is set to screen at Doc(k) Day at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on April 12 alongside two other acclaimed film circuit documentaries.

"Being in Canada and being Canadian, we have such a massive amount of the world's fresh water, said Baichwal in an interview.

"It's very easy to take it for granted."

Baichwal has had a highly successful career as a documentary filmmaker for the last 20 years.

In 2006, she collaborated with Burtynsky on Manufactured Land-



The documentary Watermark takes viewers around the world to some of the most pressing sites concerning water. Kumbh Mela No. 1, Haridwar, India, 2010 by Edward Burtynsky, courtesy Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto/ Howard Greenberg and Bryce Wolkowitz, New York.

scapes, which chronicles China's industrial revolution.

We always wanted to do something together again because it was quite a rich experience and also because the impact was enormous," she said.

A few years later, Burtynsky was

asked by National Geographic to take photographs of the water scarcity in California for their mag-

"When be brought those photographs back, we said, well this is it. This is the project."

While they travelled the world answer here, because there isn't,"

seeing some of the most aweinspiring and devastating water situations, the goal of Watermark wasn't to guide audiences to a particular reaction.

"[Watermark isn't] demanding action or saying there's a simple

she said.

The act of raising consciousness is useful in its own right.

For example, those of us who enjoy a head of lettuce in the middle of the winter can thank the water-intensive agricultural sector

'We're not making obvious judgments," said Baichwal. "We'd get scurvy up here in the winter if we didn't have access to those fresh fruits and vegetables. ... Just by thinking about those things a bit, your behaviour changes when you're more aware."

Watermark is currently on the Toronto International Film Festival film circuit with Haliburton as one official stop across the country.

It is showing at 7:30 p.m. during Doc(k) Day following Burt's Buzz

[Burt's Buzz] traces the unlikely evolution of the company, Burt's Bees, from a beekeeper's one-man honey business in rural Maine, where he still lives, to a natural products company that was sold in 2007 to Clorox for close to \$1-billion," a press release from Doc(k) Day reads.

The day will finish up with *The Lady in Number 6*, which just won an Oscar for best short documen-

Tickets are \$8 each or two movies for \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

Check the website for updates: www.haliburton-movies.com.

### Students light it up blue, teachers shave off hair



**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

The only ones feeling blue at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were the faculty members who were losing their hair.

Last week the HHSS student body participated in Light It Up Blue, in recognition of World Autism Awareness Day, which takes place on April 2.

The idea to participate came from educational assistant Brianne Pockett, who wanted to celebrate students within the high school who have autism, she said.

"It was a team effort, everyone got involved," she said.

HHSS teacher Judi Paul's Practical Academic and Life Skills class made blue bracelets in support of the campaign as well as brownies, both of which were sold as a fundraiser for the initiative.

Raffle tickets were also sold for the chance to win a signed Matt Duchene t-shirt, won by faculty member Jackie Mayhew, and a signed print, won by student Julia McEathron.

In total \$1,045 dollars was raised from the campaign.

"It just took off," said principal Dan Marsden.

As incentive to raise money, certain HHSS faculty agreed to have their hair shaved off, which took place at the school on April 3.

If \$250 was raised Martin Gage agreed to have his head shaved and if \$500 was brought in, Dan Fockler sacrificed his beloved beard and goatee to the razer.

And since more than \$1,000 was collected, Bruce Griffith agreed to a mohawk-style haircut, while Marsden had his head painted blue.

To recognize the international campaign, Pockett made blue puzzle pieces, which were posted all along the school hallway with names of the students who contributed to the cause.

More information on the Light It Up Blue movement can be found at www.liub.autismspeaks.

Far left, educational assistant **Delane Sawyer styles HHSS** teacher Bruce Griffith's hair into a mohawk following a head shaving event on April 3 at the high school.

Left, Dan Fockler holds still as his goatee gets shaved off by educational assistant Brianne ett on April 3 at I Highlands Secondary School. Organized by Pockett, the event was in support of Light it Up Blue, in honour of World Autism Day on April 2. Students raised more than \$1,000 through raffle tickets, brownie and bracelet sales and other initiatives.

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### A quiet thanks

Jenn Watt

Editor

OLUNTEERS don't do it for the recognition.
That's an easy assumption

to make, but in October Volunteer Canada made it official by releasing a study backing it up.

An online survey of 379 volunteers found that 80 per cent would like to be thanked by hearing the results their efforts have garnered.

Seventy per cent said they'd like to be thanked on a regular informal

basis. Only 50 per cent said they'd like public recognition for the work they do.

Those aren't surprising results; volunteers as a demographic aren't in it for themselves.

Across Canada 13.3 million people over 15 give their time for free to improve their communi-

ties and if they were in it for the glory, they wouldn't be in it for long.

It's often repeated that the Haliburton Highlands runs on the fuel of thousands of volunteers – proportionately more than in other communities.

There might not be a statistic to back that up just yet, but it certainly feels true. This week, we celebrate volunteers on pages 12 and 13.

Leaders of the county's organizations were eager to sing the praises of those who do the work keeping all of the most meaningful institutions running

Our hospitals and schools are given life by those who dedicate time reading to students and having personal chats with seniors.

Important medical equipment is purchased because people gave their time to sew quilts for raffles and organize lotteries for donations.

Ski trails across the county are available because a team grooms them for free.

Those who don't have the money to

have serious problems with their teeth fixed are smiling because dental professionals did the work gratis.

Nearly every major festival or community event is thanks to dozens of people who often quietly do the work.

They cook and clean; set up tables and paint banners; call businesses for silent auction prizes and drive those with disabilities to doctors' appointments.

And they do it because it's the right thing to do.

So if volunteers generally don't want big recognition for their efforts, why write stories about them in the papers? Why hold dinners or brunches in their honour?

First, because they deserve those events. People who work self-lessly may not seek out

the spotlight, but it is meaningful to give them their due. (And, the survey did say 50 per cent like being recognized publicly.)

Second, writing about these volunteers reminds us all how important it is to personally thank them.

We don't always remember when we go to park that there's a nice older woman who picks up the garbage on her walks or that a group of cheerful volunteers gather in a church basement to cook up dinners for those in

It's not always obvious that the gardens by the gallery bloom because a volunteer tended to them or that our family members in long-term care are tapping their toes to a concert put on for free by a local musician.

These things can drift past us without our noticing, which is why it is important to take the time to think about volunteers.

They may not be looking for public recognition, but a quiet thanks now and then goes a long way.

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### **The Lady in Number 6**

LICE HERZ-SOMMER was the world's oldest pianist – and the world's oldest Holocaust survivor at 109, when she starred in the Oscarwinning short film *The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life*.

This 38-minute film tells the story of Alice, whose devotion to music and her son helped her survive a Nazi concentration camp. In the movie, Alice shares her story on how to achieve a long and happy life. She discusses the importance of laughter, music and how to be opti-

mistic. Alice recently died at age 110, just days before the film won the 2014 Academy Award. This incredible movie will be shown this Saturday evening as part of the Haliburton Doc(K) Day at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. It will follow Watermark which is showing at 7:30 p.m.

Director of *The Lady in*Number 6, Malcolm Clarke,
said that the uplifting and

positive nature of Alice was what convinced him to tell her story. "When you meet someone like Alice, someone who was pure joy, who was so graceful and gracious, it kind of makes you question everything". In an interview I heard on CBC with Clarke, he said that we could all learn from Alice's optimism. "That's a very, very special person that can take something so traumatic and dark and still find the silver lining. She did remind us of something that we all forget; we all take for granted – what a gift we have just to be alive."

As a survivor of the Holocaust, the

film about Alice could easily could have been depressing, but Alice is an optimist and her account of her long, extraordinary life is at times thrilling, incredible, cheery and miraculous – anything but depressing. The people who worked on the movie with her were amazed that at 109 she was still able to recall so many historical events and was willing to share her experiences. Malcolm met Alice when she was 107 and they had to move quickly to make the movie because at 107 every day is certainly a

gift. They wanted to capture her healthy and spritely and chipper and they did a great job. Alice is amazing. It will inspire and uplift anyone who watches it.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who organize Those Other Movies and Doc(k) Day for our county. At the end of a long winter we are in need of some inspiration. Who better to get it from than someone who has lived

109 years!

Lynda Shadbolt

Tales from The Great

Green Meadow

Other movies playing this weekend at Doc(k) Day include *Burt's Buzz* at 4 p.m. – An entertaining Canadian doc about the highly eccentric founder of Burt's Bees. *Watermark* shows at 7:30 p.m. (followed by *The Lady in Number 6*). – uses stunning photography and is a documentary that shows us what is happening to the water on our planet. Tickets for the shows are sold at the door for \$8 per show or pay \$15 and see it all.

For more information visit www.hali-burton-movies.com.

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### points of view

### How has the fishing been?

TE LIVE IN A STRANGE world filled with outlandish customs. Because of this we have developed all sorts of odd, meaningless ways to greet each other.

There are hand gestures and nods. Then, there are the weird words like "hello," "hey" or "hi." Add to these more formal phrases such as "good morning" or "good afternoon." And let's not forget the local favourite that I'm hearing more often these day, "There's that

Every one of these greetings is unique but I think it's fair to say, all each of them really means is "How has the fishing been?"

I was explaining this to Jenn the other day after she pointed out that I answer every one of those thinly disguised greetings with a long-winded story of my latest fishing adventure.

"Glad you noticed," I said.

She then paused and made a very astute observation.



Steve Galea **Loon Tales** 

"Don't you see there is something seriously wrong with answering a simple greeting with a condensed version of your latest fishing trip?" she asked.

"Yes, I do see that," I answered. "But people are busy these days. They don't have time for the full detailed version."

'You do realize that not everyone fishes?" she asked.

That, of course, is true.

But it's also precisely why those people need a good fishing story to help them get

through the horrible drudgery of their day to day existence.

Without a good fishing story, delivered mercilessly and without interruption at a grocery store line up, by the gas station pump, on the street or while blocking a strategic exit during a fire drill, those poor people would never actually know what the ice thickness is, what the lake trout are taking (blue and silver Williams Wablers or white and chartreuse tube jigs), water clarity, what the fish were coughing up, the best depth and structure to fish at or how skilled an angler you are?

Not to overstate it, but I think we can all agree that, without the answers to these big questions, life is essentially a sad ordeal, devoid of meaning, direction or purpose.

I, for one, cannot just look on silently while this happens.

That is precisely why I take the time to return a fishing story to anyone who bothers to say hello to me, the person beside me or anyone in the general vicinity. I'm just trying to give the masses purpose. The bigger the fish I caught that morning, the greater the purpose.

Needless to say, this is not easy. There are times, for instance, when the fish are not cooperating - or worse still, when they are cooperating with everyone but me, no matter how incorrectly those idiots are fishing. Luckily, at dark moments like these, an angler can revert to old fishing stories so that no one ever walks away disappointed or with 15 minutes to spare. It helps to have taken a few photos on your cell phone too.

Unfortunately, society seems to be getting more and more insular and helping people in this way is getting harder and harder to do.

For instance, ever since the ice fishing season started, no one, including the people who know me, says hello anymore. Heck, most folks I know don't even make direct eye contact with me anymore. They're too busy doing what must be the latest yoga move; as I approach they just close their eyes, cover their ears and hum loudly, rocking back and forth in a fetal position.

Believe me, it's not easy telling a fishing story over all that com-

It gets worse. Lately, the management at our local grocery stores have actually created a policy prohibiting a fellow from hanging around the fresh fish section. It doesn't even matter that I have actually caught rainbow trout better than the ones on the shelves recently either.

If this continues, I worry that there will be no one left for a humble angler to help. I can't imagine what I will do if there's no one to greet me - other than visit Walmart, I mean.

#### letters to the editor

### **Local heroes save family memories**

To the Editor,

Living in a rural community has its multitude of challenges as well as stunningly beautiful characteristics. And those of us that choose to live here all agree it is for the lifestyle that we are here

On Friday, March 28 our old, much loved farmhouse had what everyone fears- a house fire. And following this fire the outpouring of love from the community and the support we have been given has been nothing less than beautiful.

I do not want to minimize the incredibly giving nature of our friends and neighbours, however, I write this letter to shout out to one specific group of quiet unsung heroes here in our community. Our volunteer firefighters. From the time of the 911 call our Dysart firefighters arrived on scene within 10 minutes (and I understand that this is outstanding).

Fire Chief Miles Maughan and firefighter Steve Coumbs arrived minutes earlier. Immediately these men and women set to the task of trying to control a stubborn fire caught in between our walls and attic - under a steel roof.

This team of heroes *never* once gave up trying to reach a difficult to reach fire. They worked tirelessly and quickly, making decisions that saved so

many of our most precious contents: family pictures, children's artwork. As they ran towards me with these items they asked what I wanted saved and ran back in to get my grandmother's wedding rings and a picture of my now deceased father and I sharing our dance at my wedding.

Their efforts saved our house from becoming what our insurance adjustor described as "ashes" as he tipped his hat to this team's phenomenal

Some of these firefighters I know personally, most I know to greet as a shared resident in our beautiful community. But for the rest of my life I will simply refer to them as our heroes. Our family can make a home again - of this I am sure - and as I hang each picture on the wall or catch the sparkle of my grandmother's wedding rings I will always think of each of you.

It is you who make living in a small rural community the lifestyle of choice for both myself and my family - and the next time we have a girls' night we will be sure to reminisce about all of the men in uniform who came to our last one.

With heart in hand, we are forever thankful.

Nancy Brownsberger, Jon, Alexander and William Petrie

### **Deer feeding causes accidents** on area highways

To the Editor,

On April 2, my wife and I were involved in a collision with a deer on Highway 118 between Haliburton and Loon Lake. While we are fine, our car sustained several thousand dollars worth of damage and the deer languished a long time before dying. That injured and bleeding animal somehow dragged itself into the bush where the investigating OPP officer was unable to get close enough to end its suffering with a

No doubt wolves will have found that deer by now. The next day we came upon a lady with a small car who had just hit a deer west of the Loon Lake Road. The lady was fine, her car was badly damaged, and the deer died at the side of the road.

Both of these accidents happened near homes of people who are known winter deer feeders and where deer have to cross main highways to get to the

Two deer killed in two days and thousands of dollars of damages done to cars.

And there have been similar accidents in these places before!

There's something wrong here!

Despite a harsh winter, the MNR advises that the deer herd in this area is in good health. There is absolutely no need to feed the deer and they can survive quite well in the bush.

While deer are beautiful animals and are fascinating to watch, those are not reasons to entice them to a feeding area near one's home and in so doing force them to cross main highways, where accidents can happen.

As an aside, and while this article is not to address concerns over rising policing costs in Haliburton County; there are now police officers driving our highways and investigating vehicle collisions with deer. Something totally unnecessary if people would just stop feeding the deer and think about what they are really doing.

Since educational programs using our local media have been ineffective at stopping people feeding the deer; since people don't seem to want to stop feeding the deer; and since the problem is growing, perhaps it's time our elected politicians get involved in solving this unfortunate problem.

> Pat and Mike Grinnell **Loon Lake**

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### INSIDE TODAY'S ECHO >

High school students revolutionize art.
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# Remembering Dixie Duncan

Haliburton's provider of southern hospitality has passed away.

Her good friend Carol Sharpley told the *Echo* that Feb. 8 Dixie Duncan died at home in Alabama.

Former owner of the York Duncan House bed and breakfast in Halbiem Crescent, Duncan moved back to the United States following the terrorist attacks of 9-11 to be close to family.

Sharpley said Duncan ran the B&B for eight years with her son Jeff York and remembers her as "a fine Christian gal."

Duncan died peacefully in her sleep.





#### Funds raised from events benefit hospital

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's Jane Woodcock, left, Doris Laine, Joan Stinson, Wendy Wilkins, Kathi Oke and Tracey Lear were happy about the \$95,437 they contributed this year to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Accepting the cheque were CEO Varouj Eskedjian, chief of staff, Dr. Greg Karaguesian, director, patient care and chief nursing officer, Debbie Watson, and emergency room nurse Donna Tousaw. This amount, which was raised through 4,500 hours, came from fundraising efforts like the quilt raffle, the Wheelbarrow of Wine event, Christmas and geranium sales, fashion show, and the annual Italian Dinner and Silent Auction. It helped purchase two hydraulic examination tables, two dishwashers, memory boxes, the \$35,000 automated dispensing unit and \$25,000 went to the garden area and landscaping for the new palliative Centre. All money raised or donated to the auxiliary helps the hospital, as all members are volunteers and there are no administrative fees. Anyone interested in the upcoming Geranium Tea and Twoonie Auction on June 8 can call Maureen O'Hara at 705 457-5268.

**Darren Lum** Staff







Local history buff and owner of the Emmerson Dam in Haliburton, Kim Emmerson, left, presented the, Evolution of Dams in Haliburton County at the Haliburton County Historical society's monthly Speaker of the Afternoon event on Thursday, March 27 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Emmerson spoke about the importance of the dam to the lumber industry that helped

### Birth of Highlands rooted in lumber

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

It was a trip back to the 19th century when you could walk across Head Lake, using the floating logs left behind by loggers for a continuous bridge.

Hosted by the Haliburton County Historical Society, the Evolution of Dams in Haliburton County talk featured local history buff and owner of the Emmerson Dam (formerly Bailey Dam) Kim Emmerson, which underwent a renovation, completed with a rededication last summer.

Emmerson, who was born and raised in the area and continues to run Emmerson Lumber Limited like three generations before, took close to 20 people to the early days of Haliburton when the lumber industry drove the development of the area through his PowerPoint presentation and passion for history.

Names like Haliburton, Kenneway and Kingscote (the last two namesakes forroads in the Highlands) were revealed as the names of directors who helped to run the Canadian Land and Emigration Company based in London, England, and which is integral to the founding of the area.

This London based company is responsible for why people came to settle in the Highlands before the establishment of the logging industry, as they bought nine townships of the 23 in 1864.

The company, which bought land at 50 cents per acre in 1859 from Philip M. Vankoughnet, was selling 100 acre lots for \$1 to \$1.50 per acre. Its sales became severely hampered later by the Canadian government's Free Land Grant though, as no one wanted to buy land they could get for free.

As the landholders, their focus was so much on agriculture (we know how that turned out) it prevented them from seeing the value in the lumber industry; unlike the "Lumber King of Trent" Mossom Boyd, who was based in Bobcaygeon with his mill that was at the current Bigley's shoe store loca-

He is attributed with being one of the main drivers for the logging industry, which led to other developments. The lumber industry not only needed many dams and roads, but also created the need for general stores, livery stables and saloons. At one time Boyd alone employed close to 1,000 people. Many dams were necessary to control the water levels for logging and were used to transport them to mills in Bobcay-

Many of the locations chosen for dams then are still used today, showing the intelligence of the engineering from that period.

Part of Boyd's success was from the deal he made with the Canadian Land Emigration Company to log the Highlands to clear the land for agriculture.

A director with the Canadian Land Emigration Company is quoted in the H.R. Cummings' book, Early Days in Haliburton, saying "it would be a good thing, don't you know, to get the lumbermen in at any price to cut those large white pine trees that are so difficult for the settlers to cut down and

This wasn't just a reflection on the com-

He convinced them, 'I can get rid of these nuisance trees for you if you let me go in there.

— Kim Emmerson

pany, but the prevailing attitude towards the environment, Emmerson said.

'[At] 35 cents a log is an unbelievable price. He convinced them, 'I can get rid of these nuisance trees for you if you let me go in there.' He made himself a pile of money doing that. A pile of money," he said.

Boyd's 1869 deal included 40,000 logs per

year for seven years.

However despite the shortsightedness of the company and its oversight it was its efforts to develop the area, which included the construction of roads, churches, houses and cricket fields, that helped establish communities here in the Highlands.

Although rail was brought in 1878, it didn't stop the company from failing, leaving many stockholders with nothing for their investment.

Through Emmerson's research he discovered a petition in 1876 to fix the Kennesis Lake Dam. It's interesting, he said, because of the recent announcement this dam will undergo a \$3.5 million upgrade.

Emmerson compiled a small book, The Mill Reserve: A Part of Haliburton History.

He is working now on the biography of Alexander Niven, who was one of the area's founders. Although he has researched him extensively the past few months, he asks for the public's input for more information and plans to offer it free as an iBook, complete with photos.

The next historical society event is at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on April 24 at 1:30 p.m. will feature Derry Wilford, who will talk about canoes.

Wilford used to be the bank manager at a local bank in Haliburton and moved to Lakefield where he builds canoes.



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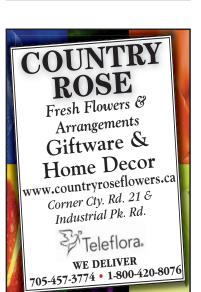
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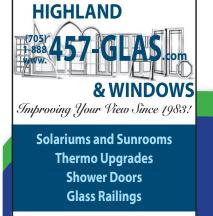
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### **Upcoming Chamber Events**

#### **April Business After Hours**

For April's BAH we will be right in the heart of Haliburton Village, at McKeck's Tap & Grill. Find your next new business contact or referral at our monthly BAH events - business networking at its best!

Tuesday, April 22, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: McKeck's Tap & Grill, 107 Highland Street, Haliburton

Cost: FREE for Members! (1st time guests FREE, repeat guests \$10) Cash bar & tasty treats.

Please RSVP to Lauren at lauren@haliburtonchamber.com or (705) 457-4700.



#### **May Chamber Breakfast**

Does your business send email to consumers promoting your products or services? Then you need to be prepared for the new Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation that comes into force on July 1, 2014! Our speaker, Mark Coles from First Page SEO, will share some tips on how to get your business ready.

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**Thursday, May 1**, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a..m.

Location: Wintergreen Maple Syrup & Pancake Barn, 3325 Gelert Road, South of Ingoldsby

Please RSVP to Lauren at lauren@haliburtonchamber.com or (705) 457-4700

#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

May 20: Business After Hours, hosted by 2015 Ontario 55+ Games at Pinestone Resort, from 5 – 7pm June 19: Annual General Meeting Chamber Breakfast, Location TBC









Lauren Snelgrove creating a Chai latte at Sufficiently Suffonsified'

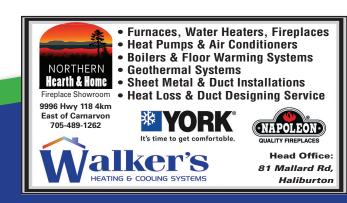
#### Introducing the Haliburton **Highlands Young Professionals Network**

Youth out-migration is a challenge for small towns and small businesses right across Canada. Members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce had expressed concerns regarding availability and retention of young skilled labour, and the threat this issue posed to business sustainability, growth and succession plan-

The HHCC Board of Directors subsequently decided that a youth engagement strategy was to be a key priority for the Chamber, and the Chamber is now proud to introduce the Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network (YPN).

The YPN is committed to reaching out to young professionals; identifying their innovation, skills, experiences and interests; and working with the Chamber and community partners to make connections between young professionals, businesses, resources, and supports that will help promote our economic prosperity.

If you are in the "20-to-30 something" demographic and want to connect with young professionals from across the Highlands, please join the YPN for their first kick-off event from 6 - 9pm on Friday, May 9th in the Northern Lights room at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre. The YPN steering committee would like to meet you, find out what you need to be successful, and what you have to offer to the Haliburton Highlands!









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### Local organizations thank their volunteers



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Hundreds of hours are spent each summer repairing and improving trails, replacing culverts and wash outs, filling in with gravel and clearing brush.

Each winter a number of volunteers are out there grooming the trails no matter what the weather conditions so that skiers have the best groomed trails possible. We are noted for having some of the best trails in the province not only because of the grooming levels but for the variety as well. Volunteers created these excellent trails that attract people from other communities because of their excellence.

These volunteers make all of this happen with their only reward being, knowing they have done a superb job for both the community and cross country skiing in general. And for this we are eternally grateful.

### Thank You =

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Volunteers praised for being the heart, breath and soul of this community

Jenn Watt

Editor

Across the Haliburton Highlands, organizations large and small are celebrating the volunteers that make the community vibrant.

Volunteer Week runs from April 6 to 12. To mark the special week, the *Echo* asked some local organizations to talk about what volunteers mean to them.

#### **Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary**

The hospital auxiliary has 61 active members, both men and women, says president Tracey Lear. Together, the group holds many fundraisers to put money into essential equipment at the Haliburton hospital. The highly successful annual Italian dinner is probably one of the best known events, but the group also does a quilt raffle, tag day and geranium tea among other things. Last year the group raised more than \$95.000.

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"If the auxiliary didn't provide these funds the hospital would have to use money from their budget which we know is tight," Lear said.

Auxiliary volunteers put in 4,500 hours last year.

"I have always said that volunteers are the lifeblood of this county and country (Canada has 13.3 million volunteers according to HAAO – the Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario)," she said.

**Haliburton Highlands Health Services** 

The auxiliary is one part of an even larger network of health-care volunteers.

According to Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian, there are about 360 volunteers for the entire corporation who raise money for equipment (such as the auxiliary and HHHS Foundation), sit on the board, or assist patients and residents (long-term care).

Those who volunteer in long-term care assist with sing-alongs, baking with residents, hold tea parties, do one-on-one visits and provide entertainment.

"Without our volunteers, we would not be able to continue to provide the quality services to our community," he said.

HHHS holds an annual appreciation dinner – this year it was held April 7 at the Haliburton Legion.

#### Canoe FM

The county's community radio station has 120 volunteers, the majority of whom are rarely on the air.

Technicians, fundraisers, gardeners, decorators, office workers, bookkeepers and more keep the station running throughout the week, according to station co-ordinator Roxanne Casey.

Each year volunteers are celebrated with a special get together and with little added touches such as sending out birthday cards, she said.

"This community is vibrant because of its volunteers and I know that I am not alone in saying that the majority of not-for-profits, service clubs, charitable organizations, etc., would have to shut their doors if it weren't for the help from volunteers," said Casey.

"Volunteers are the heart, breath and soul of this community."

#### **Volunteer Dental Outreach**

The clinic in Haliburton, opened in 2011, operates almost exclusively thanks to vol-

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### Area services possible due to volunteers

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unteer hours from professional staff. Nineteen dentists, 18 hygienists, 11 dental assistants and eight dental administrators have volunteered since the beginning wth eight regular dental volunteers and five regular hygienists, said cofounder Lisa Kerr. The clinic was renovated by volunteer contractors and the board has nine volunteer members.

"Our organization can only afford to do what we do because of our team of volunteers. In any dental practice, the staff cost is the major expense of the practice. We could never afford to support the cost of treating patients, to date 406 and \$875,000 in free care, if not for our volunteers," Kerr

VDO holds casual volunteer events to recognize the huge impact those who give their time have on the dental health of the Highlands, but Kerr said the staff also receive plenty of positive feedback from members of the public who are helped by the VDO.

She said the Highlands offers a host of volunteer organizations, allowing anyone to get involved.

"There are so many examples of extraordinary volunteer organizations in Haliburton County that there is no end to the opportunities to share a skill or talent within this community," she said.

#### Point in Time

The organization supporting families and youth in Haliburton County runs thanks to its 12-member board of directors. They meet monthly and put in "copious amounts of time," said program manager Dan Bajorek.

'We also have a volunteer director who oversees the volunteer drivers (anywhere from four to six people) our agency provides to clients who require assistance in getting to places such as hospital visits outside of the county. Again these people are quite dedicated in providing this invaluable service to our community that lacks public transportation in getting to destinations," he said.

"Overall volunteers are critical to how Haliburton County functions and shows the tremendous support that fellow citizens are willing to provide to each other no matter whether you're running a non-profit agency, a musical festival or pond hockey. It is what makes this community vital, caring and responsive to the needs of others."

Point in Time usually honours its volunteers at its annual general meeting in June.

#### **Haliburton Legion**

Many of the volunteers at the Haliburton Legion branch help with fundraisers, which then support local organizations such as schools, cadets and other groups along with

The ladies' auxiliary is composed entirely of volunteers and look after catering for the Legion. "Without these volunteers this would not be possible as they are extremely important to the overall operation of the Legion," Patricia Wright, executive member, said.

#### Rails End Gallery

The Haliburton gallery has between 60 and 70 volunteers, who help out with all sorts of tasks including the Arts and Crafts Festival in Head Lake Park every summer.

According to gallery curator Laurie Jones, volunteers do everything from run events to working the front desk, maintaining gardens, running children's programs and more.

Without volunteers "it would look like a picture of one desperate person alone on a beautiful deserted island trying to build a raft with driftwood," said Jones.

I am struck by how willing people are to help out in the smallest of ways, and what a difference it makes to our organization, i.e. we have one person who has taken on our laundry. She checks in for it, brings it back fresh and clean and ready for the next event. Crisp white tablecloths make an opening reception special!"

#### Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

There are 330 members and 50 active volunteers at the HHOA. While 15 volunteers are on the board, another 35 operate the fish hatchery just outside of Haliburton.

Volunteers feed fish three times a day, clean and look after the maintenance of the facility and grounds. Many of the volunteers come in at least once a week while some help out during busy times such as egg collection, spring

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stocking, special projects and fundraising events," said HHOA president Rex Henry.

Volunteers also run the annual wild game and chicken and rib fundraising dinners as well as the fly-fishing and archery clubs.

"They are a special group of people who don't look for recognition, but are happy to just be a part of the HHOA and all of the great things it has accomplished," Henry said.

Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Asso-

The organization started more than 30 years ago and now has 400 members. A core group of about 30 volunteers maintain 70 kilome-

tres of trails across the county in four different networks. According to member Bruce Ballantine, the trail associa-

tion is "probably the only volunteer group in the province to attempt to maintain this amount of trails at the level they are maintained.

The volunteers repair and upgrade trails in the summer and groom them in the winter. There are also 12 on a vol-

'Without our volunteers we would have no trails to ski on and would be driving out of the county to find cross country ski trails and paying much more for the privilege," he said.

We have an amazing group of people living here who seem prone to giving of their time and not just the locals either - I think cottagers who spend a lot of time up here also tend to donate time to help make the community better we have several out of county ski club members who drive up for the day and join work parties in the fall on the trails."

We received such overwhelming response to our questions sent out to just some of the county's many organizations that a second article, with a concentration on Minden volunteer organizations, will be running in tomorrow's Minden Times.



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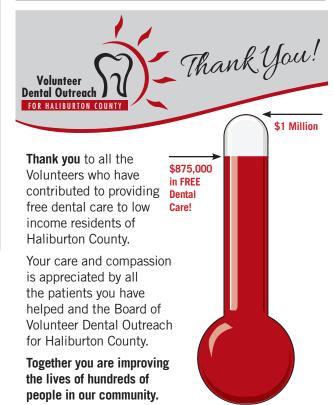
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Oceane Hames makes some adjustments to her piece before the reception for (r)evolution gets underway on April 5. (r)evolution, a class portfolio exhibit from students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, opened at the gallery during the weekend and runs until May 31.

### Vive la (r)evolution at Rails End Gallery

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

It's been said that change is life's only constant and the ever-evolving nature of reality is examined at a new exhibit at Haliburton's Rails End Gallery.

(r)evolution, a class portfolio exhibit from students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, opened at the gallery during the weekend.

"We tried to find some common ground," art teacher Karen Gervais told the crowd gathered for the opening reception April 5. "Many students were interested in the idea of progress and change."

Whether it is personal growth or societal transformation, each piece is a meditation on the concept.

Alisha Bishop's *The Resurrection of Oya* is a colourful look at a goddess of African folklore. Associated with wind and fire, she is an agent of change.

Evillainution by Travis Neville examines the evolution of animated villains and audiences' growing appetite for gore.

How Have We Truly Evolved? by Oceane Hames uses suspended, double-sided wooden blocks imprinted with images demonstrating the repeated cycle of peace and turmoil throughout human history.

The exhibit runs until May 31. The pieces are for sale.

#### **Photos by Chad Ingram**

Far right, HHSS student Alisha Bishop explains her piece, *The Resurrection of Oya*, during the opening reception.

Middle, Andrew Jennings explains his piece, *Spiral Freddie*, a look at the evolution of video games and gaming culture.





Travis Neville's work explored the tendency for comic villains to become more gory and violent over time.





















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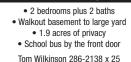


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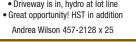


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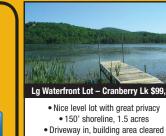
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### Locksmith opens shop in Haliburton village

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

At the age of 57 Kevin DesRoches decided it was time to go back to school.

After having multiple professions that spanned from working for the Ontario Provincial Police to retail, the resident of Haliburton wanted a new career, something he would look forward to at the beginning of each day.

"My hips started to give me problems," said DesRoches, who has had multiple hip replacements. "It was at that point I knew I wouldn't be able to do the physical work that I used to do."

So last July, following a visit to the Employment Centre in Haliburton, DesRoches enrolled in the Academy of Locksmithing, the only institution of its kind in the country.

In less than a year DesRoches has not only completed almost all his educational requirements, achieving high marks along the way, he has opened AH Locksmithing in downtown Haliburton.

The idea to pursue locksmithing came from wanting to provide something that was lacking in this area. He was also interested in the security aspect of the business.

Your house is your biggest acquisition in life. It's your most expensive, it houses your safety.

— Kevin DesRoches

"The criminal element is becoming as smart as locksmiths, so we have to be one step ahead of them," he said. "Your house is your biggest acquisition in life. It's your most expensive, it houses your safety. When you sleep at night you don't want a \$7.95 lock in the door."

Apart from installing, replacing and repairing locks, AH Locksmithing also copies and cuts keys.

DesRoches is also specially trained to install and repair electronic locks, which are typically used in businesses and government offices.

The locksmith is hoping to establish a relationship with local real estate agents, to promote safety to new homeown-

"When somebody moves out of a house who knows how many keys were issued for that house in the past 50 to 60 years," he said. "You want to go in their with a feeling that

During the past few months DesRoches has been very busy setting up his new business, while working two jobs on

Although he is exhausted, he is excited for what lies ahead.

"I want something that's productive, that I look forward to each morning."

In the future DesRoches will be offering other services, including knife sharpening.

AH Locksmithing is located at 50 York St., Unit No. 5. For more information call 705-854-1013.





**Angelica Blenich Staff** 

Kevin DesRoches tests out a key at his new business, AH Locksmithing, located in Haliburton Village. DesRoches recently started the business after going back to school to train to be a certified locksmith.



# Sports

### Junior Hawks send 15 to Kawartha qualifier

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

The junior Red Hawks badminton team is looking good.

After the pre-qualifying Kawartha tournament on Thursday at I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay, 15 players advanced to the Kawartha qualifier on Thursday, April 10 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Team head coach Bob Schmidt said his players are excited about the opportunity to play at home to showcase their skills.

"It gives them more motivation knowing people [they know] are watching," he said.

"It's nice to play on a home court."

Leading the way at the pre-qualifier with first place finishes were Noah Dollo, in boys' singles, and Joel Fedeski and Jaydon Wood, in boys doubles. Singles players Mikayla Stinson and Chris Thompson finished in second.

HHSS will also host the Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship on Thursday, April 24.

The full roster of 16 players he started with for the season is attributed to the solid turnout for tryouts.

He's happy with the group, which has exhibited strong

"It's a good crew. We should have a good season. There's some good athletes," he said.

Everyone from last year's COSSA championship winning

"We've got a good crew of Grade 10s," he said.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 9 junior badminton player **Dylan Smith lines** up a shot during practice on Wednesday, April 2 at the school in Haliburton. The juniors will host the Kawartha qualifier tournament on Thursday, April 10 and the Central **Ontario Secondary School Athletics** Championship on Thursday, April 24. Smith is playing mixed doubles with Julia McEathron.

**Darren Lum Staff** 



Red Hawks senior Nick Thompson returns a shot during practice last week in preparation for the Kawartha qualifying tournament coming up this week. The team is made up of mainly Grade 11 athletes and will be hardpressed to repeat as **Darren Lum Staff** COSSA team champions this year.

### Entire senior badminton squad soars to Kawartha qualifer

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

The challenge is only starting for the 16 Red Hawks senior badminton players who advanced to the Kawartha qualifier after a successful pre-qualifying tournament on Tuesday, April 1 at Fenelon Falls Secondary School.

The full roster includes entries in all five categories (boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles and mixed doubles), that finished in the top- six to advance.

Despite this success head coach Jason Morissette is realistic about the team's chances.

Last year the team not only won the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship, but also sent five players to the Ontario Federation of Secondary Athletic Associations championship.

He said this is a learning year for his team.

With mostly Grade 11s, the team faces the challenge of less game experience, skill and maturity, compared to last year's large contingent of Grade 12 students.

This difference is key to winning and losing.

Last year, he said, there was an expectation for everyone to not only advance, but also win the team COSSA title.

One of those players, Tanner Hamilton has returned to

play doubles with Curtis Ballantyne, younger brother to Tanner Ballantyne, who played with Hamilton for years.

As an older player, Hamilton will be looked to for leadership, Morissette said.

Last year's Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics champion and an OFSAA finalist Darcy Schmidt, is also helping coach the team.

Schmidt also recently helped the Central Ontario Badminton Association to a best-ever silver medal finish at the Ontario Winter Games in Muskoka.

#### Results

Ladies' singles: third place, Alex Yake; fourth place, Brodie

Men's singles: third place, Tom Paul; fourth Lucas Esson Ladies' doubles: first place, Connor Marsden and Erin Little; fourth place, Cierra Hurley and Alicia McLean Mixed doubles: second place, Nick Thompson and Rebecca Anderson; fourth place, Hunter Bishop and Jenna

Mens' doubles: first place, Tanner Hamilton and Curtis Ballantyne; second place Will Stephenson and Devon Upton

- with files from Judi Paul



### Locals needed to support crisis victims

Kawartha Haliburton Victim Services is there from the beginning, providing support and help long after the police leave

#### **Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

Looking back Annie Merrell just wanted to help.

When she started 13 years ago with the Kawartha Haliburton Victim Services as a volunteer and doing every conceivable job there, the executive director never imagined how rewarding it was to be able to make a difference to people affected by crisis.

Merrell, who sees her efforts as "paying forward," needs more people to help her and her team to fulfill the mandate of the KHVS.

According to the KHVS website, Victim Services works to lessen the trauma of victimization, help victims cope with the impact of crime and tragedy, assist and encourage the victim to connect with appropriate community services, give the community the opportunity to become more involved with dealing with the effects of crime and mobilizing crime prevention in their area and to enable emergency services to be available sooner to help keep you and your community safer.

"Although it's a sad time when a crisis happens to be able to go in and assist someone and walk out knowing that you did make a difference in that life ... it's a good feeling," she said. "You walk away knowing you've done something

The best candidates, she said, must be compassionate, want to help and be there during a crisis. This active effort to recruit stems from how there are fewer people volunteer-

Volunteers provide support for every kind of crisis, whether that is abuse, suicide grief, fatalities and bereavement or motor vehicle collisions in Kawartha and Halibur-

Victim Services works closely with the Ontario Provincial Police, even sharing an office in Coboconk.

Every volunteer undergoes a police background check and training. The requirement is four 12-hour shifts per month. This time commitment isn't just fieldwork, as it can include being on-call to assist. Every volunteer goes to scenes in pairs.

Algonquin Park Forest

Although victim services is essential that first hour after a crisis, some victims will contact the KHVS for help months

Merrell believes in helping and has had a varied life experience being a foster mother, assisting with a boy's group home and woman's shelter.

Ideally she'd like eight people from the Highlands, as it helps with group training.

Merrell is appreciative for her volunteers and supporters like constable and victim services liaison officer with the Haliburton Highlands detachment, Stu Humphries.

A constable since 2001, Humphries knows the importance of KHVS through his experience.

"As front line and support workers in victim services you have the opportunity to get to the victim at the time of crisis. You answer the page, you come to the scene, you're with the victim, you're right there at the beginning. You help the victim cope, lessen the trauma," Humphries said from a prepared speech. "Your time with them might be short, just long enough for family to arrive or you might be there for hours, offering support, transportation, lodging and getting them to the right community services. It makes a difference."

He adds while police will come for the time of the crisis it is the KHVS volunteer that will be there from the start to however long they need to help the victim.

His past year working with victim services has opened his eyes to its importance and how it has an integral role to the justice system.

"You empower the victim. You fill that void that we can't and that plays a critical role in the justice process. An empowered victim is less likely to return to an abusive relationship, will be more receptive to community support, will survive the court process, will overcome, will ultimately recover and may never be a victim again," he said.

Humphries continues to educate and encourage colleagues and other emergency services to utilize victim services.

For more information call 1-800-574-4401 or visit: victim-

Volunteer coordinator Tamara Curnuck, who coordinates the training for victim services, is available for questions and is at the Haliburton Highlands detachment in Minden every Monday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applications to be a volunteer or sit on the board are available on the website or in person at the Haliburton Highlands detachment in Minden.



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— OPP Const. Stu Humphries

### Algonquin

#### Review

Algonquin Park Forest 2010–2020 Forest Management Plan Review of Proposed Operations for Phase II 2015–2020 Information Centre

The Algonquin Park Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) and the Algonquin Park Local Citizens Committee (LCC) invite you to an information centre to help us develop the second five-year term (2015-2020) of the 2010-2020 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Algonquin Park Forest.

You will have the opportunity to review and comment on

- The proposed areas identified for harvest, renewal and tending operations;
- The proposed road locations and conditions for the second five-year term

You will also have an opportunity to contribute to the background information to be used in planning

To facilitate your review, information centres will be held at the following locations from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the following days:

#### May 6, 2014:

Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 250 John Street, Barry's Bay, Ontario

Hidden Valley, 1755 Valley Road, Huntsville, Ontario

A summary map showing proposed areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations as well as the proposed road corridors will be available at the information centre or upon request.

The information and maps available at the information centre will also be available for review and comment at the AFA office and at the MNR Algonquin Park Office, by appointment during normal office hours for a period of 30 days, from May 8, 2014 to June 7, 2014. Comments must be received by Joe Yaraskavitch at the MNR Algonquin Park Office, by June 7, 2014.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

Joe Yaraskavitch

Ministry of Natural Resources 31 Riverside Drive Pembroke, Ontario

Gordon Cumming Algonquin Forestry Authority 222 Main Street West Huntsville, Ontario

Algonquin Park Local Citizens Committee tel: 705-789-9647 ext. 30 e-mail: joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca e-mail: gord.cumming@algonquinforestry.on.ca

Tom Ballantine

During the planning process, there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the plan author, the MNR District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the Forest Management Planning Manual (2009).

The operations for the first five-year term (Phase I) of the 10-year FMP 2010-2020 are nearing completion and detailed planning for the second five-year term (Phase II) operations are commencing. This first stage (Stage 1) notice is to invite you to review and comment on proposed operations and to contribute to the background information to be used in planning.

There will be two more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage 2 – Review of Draft Planned Operations

August 2014

**Stage 3** – Inspection of MNR-Approved Planned Operations The tentative scheduled date for submission of the draft planned operations is July 4, 2014.

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Joe Yaraskavitch at 613-732-5550.

Act. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Elizabeth McRae at 613-637-2780, ext. 201

Renseignements en français : David LeGros, 613 687-2828





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### Two Minden men charged with fraud in Wilberforce

On April 1, officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were advised of a fraud incident that occurred in March in Wilberforce, the Municipality of Highlands East.

OPP were notified by the staff at the Scotiabank branch in Wilberforce regarding numerous fraudulent transactions that had taken place.

Two men were identified as having

opened bank accounts, then conducting multiple fraudulent transactions.

As a result of the investigation a 35-yearold man from Minden Hills was charged with fraud under \$5,000 and a 40-year-old man from Minden Hills was charged with fraud under \$5,000.

Both accused are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden Ontario on May 7.

#### Pair charged with drug possession

On April 6, at 11:30 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were on patrol when they observed a vehicle parked at Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

The occupants of the vehicle were consuming drugs in the vehicle and were subsequently arrested.

Ās a result a 20-year-old man from Haliburton and a 30-year-old man from Peterborough were charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Both accused are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 4.

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Ted Staunton shows off a page of Puddleman with illustrations by Brenda Clark.

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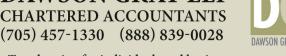


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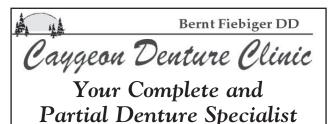
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Ted Staunton, author of numerous books, plays a song for the Grade 2 students at Stuart Baker Elementary School on Friday, April 4. The musical performance followed a reading of Staunton's book, Puddleman.

### **Reading with Puddleman**

**Zach Cox** Staff reporter

Peanut butter sandwiches and mud are staples in the lives of many children, and no one knows this better than

Staunton, a Canadian author, spent some time with the second grade at the Stuart Baker Elementary School on Friday, April 4, where he read the enthusiastic audience Puddleman. The story, Staunton's first book, features a peanut-butter-sandwich-loving young boy who jumps into his sandbox and becomes a peanut-butter-sandwich-loving mud monster. Puddleman was published 31 years ago in 1983. "That makes it just a little bit older than you," Staunton told the students.

"Peanut butter looks just like mud, but tastes better," Staunton exclaimed, brandishing a gigantic Styrofoam sandwich and causing an eruption of laughter. Throughout the story, he had the students participate, getting them to give their best puddleman impressions, and calling a volunteer up to the front to try on a hat as a disguise.

After reading, Staunton pulled out his banjo and played a song about chickens, getting the audience to cluck along. He also encouraged the children to make their own stories, showing them all of his notes and rewordings and corrections from when he was writing Puddleman.

"Kids will always like stories, we all like stories. Civilization is stories," said Staunton afterwards, adding that he loved giving kids the opportunity "to connect to the human element" behind a book. "A book, movie or recording seems to live an independent life, but there are people behind them," he explained.

By showing youth that there's a regular person who created the stories they find in the library, he hopes to inspire them to do their own creating.



#### Community boost

**Community Care's** community outreach co-ordinator Nancy Brownsberger, left, accepts \$500 from **Doreen DeGrave of** the Ladies Auxiliary Branch 129 along with Community Care volunteer coordinator **Brigitte Gebauer.** The donation from the Auxiliary goes to Community Care's **Emergency Response** Service Program. The donation will help subsidize elements of the service.

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Measles warning

People urged to check vaccination records to ensure they are protected, as measles cases turn up in parts of Ontario

In the wake of nearly a dozen measles cases being reported elsewhere in Ontario, local health officials want people here to take precautions against a very contagious disease

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is urging local residents to check that their vaccinations against measles are up-to-date. People born in 1970 or later are advised to ensure they have been vaccinated against measles. Individuals born prior to 1970 were likely exposed to measles and are usually considered immune. However, people travelling outside North America, health care workers and military groups may require measles vaccination regardless of age.

The Health Unit's warning comes as a total of 11 measles cases have been detected recently in southern Ontario. So far in 2014, no confirmed measles cases have been reported to the Health Unit in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"Measles is relatively rare in Canada thanks to high vaccination rates among people, particularly school children," says Linda McCarey, the Director of Communicable Disease Control with the HKPR District Health Unit. "However, we still do see measles cases in this country, often related to travel to other countries where measles is more common. This is just a reminder that we need to ensure that our vaccinations are up-to-date. With global travel, the world is becoming a smaller place and diseases have no boundaries."

Since the start of the year, there have been a higher than usual number of measles cases across Canada. In this province, Public Health Ontario confirms the 11 measles cases reported to date in 2014 are all directly or indirectly linked to travel to Europe and Southeast Asia. Given this fact, travelers to these areas are especially urged to make sure their measles vaccinations are current.

Measles is a serious, highly infectious disease. People can spread measles to others before they develop symptoms of the disease. Measles can cause high fever, cough, rash, runny nose and watery eyes. It can also lead to ear infections and pneumonia, and in rarer cases, encephalitis (an infection of the brain) and even death. Very young children and people with weakened immune systems are most vulnerable to measles.

"The good news is that while measles is contagious, the best protection against measles is vaccination with two doses of measles-containing vaccine," McCarey says.

In Ontario, the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is publicly funded and typically given to children in two doses. The first dose is given soon after a child's first birthday, while the second is given at 18 months of age (or at four to six years of age in some cases). Vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella is required by law for all children attending school in Ontario, unless there is a valid exemption on file with the Health Unit.

If people are uncertain about their vaccination status, McCarey advises they check their records. If still unsure about the vaccines they have received, people should contact their health care provider or the Health Unit at 1-866-

Local health care providers have also been alerted to watch for measles, especially in people returning from over-

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Lynda Williams snapped a photo of these two swans seen swimming in the Drag River between the bridge and Patient News on March 30.

### Career & Business Opportunities



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#### Qualifications, Skills and Experience;

- Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing is required.
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### **Congratulations, Storm hockey players**

#### **West Guilford**

Eleanor Cooper

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Congratulations to our Highland Storm winners, noting especially Chase Burden, son of Stephanie and Chad Burden, Josh Boice, son of Barry and Kendra Boice, and Greg Crofts, son of Karena and Kevin Crofts. Well done, team!

Congratulations also to three of the cast of You Can't Take It With You, Dianne Hagerman, David Barker and Christopher Chumbley. What fine performances!

Looking on the Easter, the W.G. Baptist Church's Good Friday service is held at 10 a.m. on April 18 and the Easter service also at 10 a.m. on April 20. On April 6, Gloria McMurray, formerly of Haliburton, now of Grand Prairie, Alberta, shared her message of faith and hope in relating her life's spiritual journey.

Dianne and Rick Nicks had the pleasure of an overnight visit from their son, John of Guelph last weekend. He was up to check on his Wilberforce cottage and found that all was well there.

We were treated to a visit last weekend from our son, Andy, of Duncan, B.C. after his three days' work with two cohorts from their job on the Chicoutimi being restored for submarine service.

Euchre scores for last Tuesday night:

High - Ruby Parcells and John Kerr

Low - Sandy Poulton and Perry Morrison

Most Lone Hands - Dianne Madonick and Neil Moore

### Loop Troupe gets set to take the stage

#### **Wilberforce**

Hilda Clark

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Florence Taylor was honoured with a celebration for her 80th last Saturday when her family hosted a party for her at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The attendance of so many family members and friends from near and far brought Flo great joy and even some surprises.

They came with hugs and kisses, cards and flowers and enjoyed plenty of visiting with Flo and each other.

Flo has been very much part of this community, a place where she and Fred raised their family.

It's where she worked, worships, plays and contributes in

Reeve Dave Burton reflected on this as he brought greetings and best wishes from the Municipality of Highlands

She was honoured with framed certificates of best wishes from Highlands East, the prime minister and other special

The guest of honour was delighted to have so many friends and relatives attend the party bringing wishes for good health and happiness and to enjoy time together.

The delicious refreshments including the birthday cake and places to sit and visit were greatly appreciated. Thanks to Jane and Barb and their families for a fine party for a fine

Happy birthday, Florence Kathleen! (Psst: Her birthday is actually April 10 if you missed the party you still have time

'Community theatre exists and thrives when the commu-

nity supports it." This is a quote from the program for the Highlands Little Theatre's production last week of *You Can't* Take It With You.

How true! The community did support this production. They bought tickets. Four performances and one was lucky

What got those seats filled? It helped to have Jack Brezina and Curtis Eastmure directing.

And imagine a play with a cast of 19! And 12 of them were men. Now that took some talent to recruit 12 men. And such a range of characters played by some very experienced actors and others hitting the boards for the first time.

A comedy with some twists and turns. But above all there were so many volunteers for all the staging, marketing and costumes.

It certainly all came together for a very entertaining show. And it all bodes well for more community theatre. Way to go Highlands Little Theatre. Sure glad I managed a ticket.

And community theatre is alive here in Wilberforce too. The Loop Troupe has been rehearsing for an evening entitled Not Just Desserts.

It will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings April 25 and 26 on the LWMC stage. There will dessert served between two pantomimes.

Members of Highlands East council can be seen in new roles. Ah, yes they are the special cast in one of those pantomimes.

I wonder who the villain will be? And who the fair maiden? And there surely must be a hero.

Another birthday party coming up this coming Saturday,

Kenneth Sanderson will be 90 this week and the celebration is at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 1:30 to 4 p.m. All are

### Gifts of a lifetime

#### **Gerald Irish**

A Senior's Moment

I have been given many gifts during my lifetime. First, I was given the gift of life and being raised in an atmosphere of love

What a gift it has been to be fortunate enough to be raised in these magnificent Highlands!

Having parents who made sure I had education enough to provide me with a career which has enabled me to pursue my dreams and to be cared for during my life.

A sister who loves and wants the best for me has also added to this good life.

But the greatest gift I have received is the gift of my wife. She loves and cares for me. She is my companion and best friend.

She has shared her previous, present and hopefully a long future life with me.

literature and the company of good friends and each other.

We are currently learning how to live life condominium style and so far have found it to be great.

relaxing, working and laughing together.

It is as I have said before and will likely say again, "Most of us are seniors and seniors can do almost anything."

I am eternally grateful for the many gifts I have received. I do not fool myself that there were not some, and likely will be more stumbling blocks along the road of life.

But I do what most of us at our ripe old ages should do, count our blessings and give thanks for our many gifts. I really do believe this.

## Coming Events

#### Holy Week In the Anglican Parish of Haliburton

April 13 **Palm Sunday** 

9:30 am - St. George's, Haliburton 11:15 am – St. Margaret's, Wilberforce

April 14 Monday in Holy Week 1:00 am - St. George's

**Maudy Thursday** 

April 18

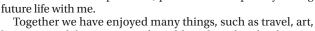
**Good Friday** 10:30 am - St. George's 2:00 pm – St. Margaret's

April 20 – Easter

The Day of Resurrection 8:00 and 9:30 am - St. George's

11:15 am – St. Margaret's

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at all services except Good Friday



The real treasures here are the other condo dwellers. We are

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2014**

#### PASSION SUNDAY - April 13th

Mass of the Solemn Entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem: Blessing of the Palms and Reading of the Passion 9:00 A.M. ST. PATRICK'S

10:30 A.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA

#### **HOLY MONDAY – April 14th CHRISM MASS**

7:00 P.M. Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains – Peterborough

#### **HOLY TUESDAY – April 15th**

6:30 P.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

#### **HOLY WEDNESDAY April 16th**

6:30 P.M. ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

#### **HOLY THURSDAY – April 17th**

Mass of the Last Supper with Washing of the Feet 5:00 P.M. ST. PATRICK'S 7:00 P.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA

#### GOOD FRIDAY - April 18th

Reading of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3:00 P.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA 5:00 P.M. ST. PATRICK'S

#### **HOLY SATURDAY – April 19th**

Easter Vigil with Blessing of the New Fire, Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises 7:00 P.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

#### EASTER SUNDAY - April 20th

Mass of the Resurrection 9:00 A.M. ST. PATRICK'S 10:30 A.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA



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### Be bear wise this spring



Ontario OPP remind people what to do as bears come out of hibernation

Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police are reminding people to take simple precautions this spring to prevent attracting black bears as they come out of hiberna-

The potential for human-bear conflicts increases when there is little natural food available for bears. If this happens, black bears will search for other food sources, such as garbage and bird feed, which can draw bears to populated areas.

Follow these simple instructions to minimize the chances of attracting bears:

Store garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids. Put out garbage only on the morning of pickup.

Put away bird feeders. Seed, suet and nectar also attract bears.

Pick fruits and berries as they ripen -- don't let them rot on the ground.

Clean outdoor barbecue grills after each use, including the grease trap underneath. Bears will be drawn by smells from great distances, including grease and food residue

Bears that enter a populated area aren't necessarily a threat to public safety. Public safety is at risk when a bear poses an immediate threat to your safety.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and OPP have agreed on the roles and responsibilities for both organizations to help the public understand which organization to contact when they encounter a bear.

If a bear is posing an immediate threat to public safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour, call 911 or your local police. At the request of police, during daylight hours the Ministry of Natural Resources will respond to emergency situations to assist. For non-emergencies, the Ministry of Natural Resources operates the toll-free, 24/7 Bear Reporting Line (1-866-514-2327) and the Bear Wise website to provide the public with information and advice.

Submitted by Ministry of Natural Resources





#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Highlands Summer Festival, a not-for-profit charitable theatre company, will be held

**TUESDAY APRIL 22,** 2 p.m. at The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre York Street in Haliburton

- Financial Report Report From the President
- Update on the 2014 season
- Election of Members of the Board of Directors

This meeting is open to the public. Only members may vote. (Members are fins ineeting is open to the public. Only mentions may over, (wellness as defined as anyone having made a donation to the company since April 29, 2013.) For more information contact the president, Jack Brezina, at 705-286-1958.



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### Calling all turtle lovers: Here's your chance to make a difference!

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has received a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Species at Risk Stewardship Fund. The grant is to implement and evaluate turtles at risk of road mortality and offer mitigation on Haliburton roads. Road mortality is the single greatest threat to turtles in general and in Haliburton County.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's mission is to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations. Land Trust executive director Larry O'Connor is pleased that funding for this multi-year project will actively investigate solutions to turtle road mortality. "This project will employ cutting edge research which could lead the way in creating a template for all roads in the province of

Local wildlife biologist, Paul C. Heaven, says that "the natural habitats in our landscape are continually being fragmented by the road network and fragmentation threatens the sustainability of our ecosystems. Turtle road mortality is indicative of this phenomenon. We are hopeful that our research will provide answers on how we can begin piecing the habitats back together again." Heaven, of Glenside Ecological Services Limited, was the principal investigator in a recent report for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Ministry of Natural Resources on turtle road mortality and mitigation planning.

This community project will be a large undertaking requiring an enormous number of student and community volunteers to monitor turtles on selected roads in Haliburton County. This will create an excellent learning opportunity for students and community members wishing to volunteer and be trained to monitor and identify turtles. U-Links will co-ordinate student volunteers from Trent University, Fleming College and the University of Toronto throughout the project. Members of the community who wish to volunteer are encouraged to call the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust office at 705-457-3700 for more information.

During the second stage of the project, a test site will be selected and fencing will be installed to guide turtles towards a culvert where they can go under the road instead of over it. This project has an opportunity to improve traffic safety on our roads as cars will not have to swerve over the line to avoid turtles or stop traffic to help them cross the roads.



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#### It is with great pride

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Loving Uncle of Darlene, Brian (Linda), Lynda, Scott, Peter, Donna, Nathan (Shannon), Justin, Lescia, William and many grandnieces and grandnephews. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, KOM 2K0 on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. A Service to Celebrate Howard's Life will be held at the Ingoldsby United Church, County Road 17, Ingoldsby on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 11:00 am.

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3BR on 2 Ac, 807' frtg. Level lot. Neat pine interior, fully insulated.



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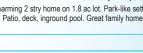


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